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Subject:— Refusal by the A. E. Co. Belgaum to permit the use of fan at Concessional Rates

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References:—

	Whom sent.	Notes and instructions
22/9/57	D.S.	Pl. issue c.o. to Rl Regt. immediately
1/10/57	D.S.	Pl. issue draft as pp. 13-14.
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From

K.G. Gokhale, B.A. Pleader, Ex. M.L.A.,(Bom).,
1434 Baswan galli,
BELGAUM.

To

The Engineer in Charge of
Amalgamated Electric Company,
BELGAUM.

Respected Sir,

Subject:- Permission for using Fan at concessional Rates.

It was so kind of your company to accomodate me, an old ailing Gentleman and give me heating and Radio connection. I am your uncom laining customer since the starting of your company and a regular payer of your charges.

I am suf erin from T.B., even at the age of 55. This summer i.e. in the months of April and May 1951 I suffered much fromheat as I suf er in the Rainy and Winter season from cold. Now that at concessional rates heating arrangements are permitted I am free from that fear.

I will require a fan in October and March, April and May every year. In Belgaum Fan in other months is not necessary. So, not as a matter of right, but as a special favour and in a fit case of accomodating a reasonable Gentleman and especially a patient of T.B. You will permit me to use my small table fan on the new arrangements of Radio and Heater Metre at the concessional rates. As an honest Gentleman I am not using the fan at all as it requires 3 pointer which also I have not substituted and I will do so till I get your permission.

Everywhere fans are permitted as concessional rates. Why Belgaum alone is unfortunate in this respect I do not know? But it is a wider issue.

So please grant me application and permit me to use the fan at the concessional rates on the Metre of Radio and Heater which you have granted me with a magnanimous heart in the months of March,April, May and October.

Thanking you in anticipation in securing the permission before October and giving a patient a deserving concession and favour

I beg to remain
Sir,
Yours faithfully,

Sd/- K.G. Gokhale.

BELGAUM.
24-7-1951.

P.S. The fan is a Small Italian portable fan Mareli 6 inches,
60 watts
230 Volts.

So pleas give ermission befor October and oblige. Now I have for that fan 2 pin plug which cannot be used on new Radio and Heater Metre. After ~~getting~~ securing permission I will get a three pin plug. So grant permission as a special favour and oblige.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/- K.G. Gokhale.

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ALGAMATED ELECTRIC CO.,(BEL) LTD. Ref:- No- F-42/51.

Belgaum 8th Aug. 1951.

Shri K.G. Gokhale,
1434 Baswan galli,
Belgaum.

Dear Sir,

Ref:- Your letter of 24th ult.
Re:- Permission for using Fan at concessiona
-al rates.

With reference to your above, we regret, we are unable to accede to your request.

Yours faithfully,

Engineer and Manager,
for the Amalgamated Electric Co.
(Belgaum) Ltd.,
Belgaum Branch.

Had applied again on the 18th of August
& Decision like above unfortunate decision
which the following letter was received
Dated 4th Sept 51
" With Reference to your above letter, we
Regret we are unable to
accede to your request
Yrs. faithfully

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From:-
K.G. Gokhale, B.A. Pleader, Ex. M.L.A.(Bom).
1434, Paswan Galli, BELGAUM.

To

The Engineer and Manager for the
Amalgamated Electricity Company (Belgaum) Ltd.,
Belgaum Branch.

Re:- Your reply Ref. No. F-42/61 Belgaum dated 8th August 1951
re: my reference letter dated 24th July about permission
for using Fan at concessional rates.

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Sir,

I have received your cryptic reply in Monosyllabic "No" in the following words:-

" With reference to your above we regret, we are unable to accede to your request".

I have again to request you to reconsider your inequitable decision or if you cannot do so refer my application to your Head Office with a copy of my original application with your reply. The accompanying is a copy of an application which I have decided to forward to Government if you or your Head Office refuses to concede to my simple request.

BELGAUM.
18-8-1951.

I beg to remain,
Sir,
Yours faithfully,
K. G. Gokhale
(K.G. Gokhale).

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From:-

From:- K.G. Gokhale, B.A. Pleader, Ex. M.L.A.(Bom).
1434, Paswan Galli,
BELGAUM.

To

Hon. The Minister of P.W.D.,
and in Charge of Electricity,

Subject:- Refusal by Amalgamated Electric Company Branch Belgaum to permit Fan at Concessional Rate.

Sir,

I am an oldest Congressman of 32 years standing. Now I am an on my sick bed, getting continuous temperature due to declared T.B. at the age of 55, the heat in Belgaum is abnormal now a days in October from March 15th to May 31st and I require the fan for cooling the atmosphere round about my sick bed, for 3-4 months only.

I have a small Italian Table Fan Mareli 6 inches 60Watts / 230 Volts. I have got separate connection for electric Heater and Radio at concessional rates. So I had begged of the Electric Company at Belgaum to permit me even by grace and as an exceptional case of showing a small mercy to a sick man, to permit me to use this fan for nearly 4 months in a year, (for no fan is required for 8 months in Belgaum) at concessional rates of heater and Radio. The Company has refused this small concession.

The copy of my original application to the Electric Company with the cryptic reply of the Company in Monosyllabic "No" to me accompanies.

I am a consumer of this company ~~xx~~ from start of this company and I have paid all bills without fail and regularly. I am not in the habit of eternally complaining either to the Government or to the press.

There are numerous complaints of the public against this company many of which have reached the ears of the Government. At Bombay, Poona and elsewhere, Fans are always allowed at concessional rates, to floor mills, Ice Factory at Belgaum. To get water from a well, for a luxury of the Radio, concessional rates are given. Then why alone fans be excluded from that catagory I do not know? And why this should be denied to a patient who requires it most?

So I beg of you to enquire in the matter and if you find other electric companies give electric power at concessional rates to fans why this monopoly to this company which is in the habit of saying No to every legitimate and reasonable demand of the consumer to say No. So pray consider my application and if equity is in my favour, see that this Electric Company gives me justice.

BELGAUM.
~~18-8-1951.~~
14-9-1951

I beg to remain,
Sir,
Yours faithfully,
(K.G. Gokhale).

I.R. 2911-PWD
Date 20-9-51

for Remarks within 15 days
June 1952

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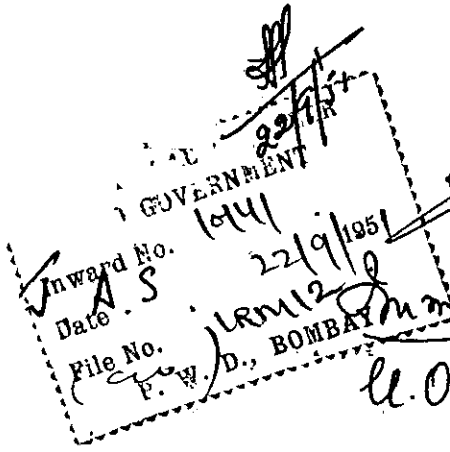
P.J. P.W.D.

Resubmitted with reference to the H.E's orders.

2. The papers may in the first instance be
sfd. to the Chief Engr. for immediate remark
at the latest by the 30-9-1951



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Immediate.

C.O. to the El. Engr. to Govt. dt. 22nd Sept. 1951

Below U.O,R.No.LBB 2551/81388 dated the 22nd September 1951, from Government in the Public Works Department.

No. VAM12 \7154 of 1951.

Bombay(1) 26th September 1951.

Returned, with compliments.

2. Section 23 of the Indian Electricity Act, 1910, definitely prohibits a licensee from giving undue preference to a consumer in respect of rates, except on technical grounds like bulk supply, load factor, power factor, time of load, i.e. whether within or without peak hours, etc., in which case a licensee may device separate tariffs which will be applicable to all consumers under similar circumstances. Shri Gokhale's request to permit him to use his electric fan at domestic appliance rate is definitely against the spirit of the Indian Electricity Act, and cannot therefore be granted.

3. In this connection, it may be stated that at no place is electric power supplied at concessional rates for fans, which are charged at the usual lighting rates.

Electrical Engineer to Govt.

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K.Br. P.W.D.

Submitted with refce. to H.M. P.W.D's minute at p. 7 ante.

2. From the El. Engrs note overleaf it will be seen that at no place concessional rate is given for fans, which are charged at the usual lighting rates. Further no exception can be made in the case of Shri Gokhale as it is against the provision of Section 23 of the I.E. Act, 1910, which prohibits a licensee giving any preference to a particular consumer except on technical grounds like bulk supply, etc. In view of this, it is feared that Shri Gokhale's request to give him concessional rates for the fan will have to be negatived. A suitable reply to Shri Gokhale will be put up on return of papers.

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Dy. Secy. to HM
28/9/57
Secy
H.M. P.W.D.

K.Br. P.W.D.

Resubmitted with the secy. draft p. 13 put up for approval.

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P.W. Deptt.
BC. (Bombay No. 1),
4th Dec. 1951.

To Shri K. G. Gokhale B.A.,
1434, Baswan Galli,
Belgaum.

Subject:- Refusal by Amalgamated Electric Company, Belgaum to permit the use of fan at concessional rate.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter dt. the 14-9-51, addressed to the H. M. P. W. D. and to state that at no place electric power is supplied at concessional rates for fans which are charged at the usual lighting rates. I am

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further to add that the provision of Section 23 of the I.E. Act, 1910, prohibits a licensee from giving any preference to any particular consumer except on technl. grounds like bulk supply, load factor, power factor etc. As your case is not covered by any of these technl. grounds, Govt. cannot, it is regretted ask the Company to give you concessional rate for working the fan.

D.H.:- Nil.

Yours faithfully,

Asstt. Secy. to Govt.